Application No. 09/818,637 Amdt. dated February 9, 2004 Reply to Office Action of November 13, 2003 Docket No. 0501-1059

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were previously pending in the application. Claims 12-17 are canceled, leaving claims 1-11 for consideration.

Since the claims remaining in the application are directed to subject matter indicated as allowable, outstanding rejections are believed moot. Since there are believed no outstanding formal matters in the application, the application is believed in condition for allowance. An early notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R.§1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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